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Re Political Prisoners in S.M. Gaol.

The political prisoners were placed in S.M. Gaol on joint responsibility of Governor of the Gaol Sugai and Superintendant Yamaguchi, officer i/c Foreign Affairs Section. Their safe custody was considered by both officers and by Japanese Gondarmerie as a very important task. However the political prisoners succeeded in establishment of outside contacts within comparatively short time. During Pebruary, 1943 a number of arrests were effected among the members of the Gaol staff on information received almost at once by gendarmerie and Foreign Affairs Section. The information came to the notice of respective institutions in four ways as far as it could be established:

- 1. Sometime about the end of January, 1943 one of the prisoners in the Gaol by the name Nicholes PAYLOFF by possibly nearly tion an ex-policeman disassed from S.MF. was set from after completion of his sentence for fraud. During his sojourn in Gaol he found out about the connections with outside and utilized it for improving his difficult financial situation. He proceeded to one EASHIM, a Russian gendermerie agent of some standing and influence and a very shady ob racter and informed him that political prisoners were planning an escape and established connections with outside through some members of the Gaol staff giving their names. EASHIM at once became very interested and took N. PAYLOFF to one of his bosses in SHIBUGH-HOUSE. The information given by N. PAYLOFF was rewarded with GAUSS, OOO. F. FAYLOFF a heavy drinker did not attent to conceal his part in busines and openly boasted about his good luck to his friends It must be measured that a copy of his report was duly passed to FOREIGN APPAIRS SECTION.
- 2. J. BOURNALIEM. A warder in S.W. Gaol, was for long time consected with one POORIN, A Russian agent of consider the influence of Maphinese consular Intellegence department. J. Tournaking escapei from W.S.S.K. in 1930 and was violently anti-Soviet in his views. He became on account of these tiews pro-Jerman and pro-Jerman control these tiews pro-Jerman and pro-Jerman frequently quoted the names of Red Army units can ged in fughting made a list of those units which were formerly stational on the Fer East. It must be noted here the prior to his escape he sorved a term of conscriptionin Red Army of Fer East and this feefalt had his work. This list he presented to ame POORIN, mentioned above. As J. BOURMAKING at the later POORIN according this work and forwarding it to his Japanese superions at a issted the credit for the same to himself. POORIN promised to arrange

for the latter's transfer to the Special Branch in some future and meanwhile asked him for some more interesting future and meanwhile asked him for some more interesting information. Probably on account of some vague rumours existing among the members of the Gnol staff he became suspicious in regard of some members of the staff and employed one Kurr MUCHA a German refugee. to shadow amployed one Kurr MUCHA was paid CRBSIO and expenses for his pains and submitted daily reports. It must be supposed that his reports were sheet invention as nothing supposed that his reports were sheet invention as nothing increminating was ever found against B. PETROFF. Due to a submitted on part of some Japanese the part played by increminating was ever found against b. Some Japanese the part played by lunder on part of some Japanese the members of the Gnol staff J. BOURHANTHE became known to be members of the Gnol staff blunder on part of some Japanese the part played by

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Iosif Berigovitch Fainberg, age 28,

Russian emigrant (Jew by nationality) N.F.A.
Police Hdqrs. 11-2-43.

I was born in Harbin on April 28, 1913. At the age of 3 years, I entered a middle school in Harbin and graduated from it in 1929 since when I was working as an apprentice in a fur company (Shriro Bros.) till the end of 1931.

In January, 1932 I left for Tientsia to join my parents who were living there since 1930. I stayed in Tientsin until 1936 when I had committed a misappropriation and had to run away to Harbin, where I lived for about 12 years and then returned to Tientsin as I was pardoned by my ex-employer. I stayed in Tientsin only for two weeks and left for Shanghai in March, 1937, and was living there till May, 1940. During this time I was working as a salesman in the American Millionary Manufacturing Co. Then for a while was a partner of a transportation company (Commercial service Representatives) and after this was employed as a sales manager by the funze Silk Manufacturing Co. during which time (September, 1939) I was charged with misappropriation and convicted to 6 months' imprisonment but appealled and was finally acquitted of the charge. After this in Hay, 1940 I left for Tientsin out was arrested there owing to my documents being expired and was transferred to Peking where I was detained for about 2 months and was then deported to Shanghai in August, 1940. Since that time I was working as a salesman till January, 1942 when I was charged with larceny and convicted to 3h years of imprisonment. I appealed and finally was convicted to 11 years.

During my stay in the Gaol, I had many different jebs and amongst them I was working for about one menth (during December-January) in the vegetable garden. Since January 8, 1943 I have

been in charge of dining room. At the beginning of January, 1943, a group of "J" prisoners arrived amongst whom I recognized Soulevitch and Rozenbaum whom I used to know before. On the and day of their arrival whilst I was working in the vegetable garden Soulevitch saw me and asked what I was charged with. I answered him and then he asked me if I knew any way of getting cigarettes from outside. I told him that this could be done through Indian and Foreign warders. He asked me to find some one who could do that for him. On the same day in the afternoon warder Liaskevsky asked me if I knew any of "J" prisoners and if any of them was a rich man. At the same time he told me that once he took a letter outside from a Chinese prisoner and got \$2000 for this. I answered him that Soulevitch was quite a rich man and that he is looking for a chance to communicate with his wife. He told me to arrange the matter with Soulevitch and he (Liaskovsky) will take out a message. Soon after that, on the same day. I introduced Sculevitch to Liaskovsky and they agreed that the latter will take out a message and bring same food for a reward of \$300. All this happened whilst the "J" prisoners were taken out for a walk. On the next day about 1 p.m. Linskovsky told me that he had seen Mrs. Saulevitch and brought plenty of food for her husband. He also gave me a pack of cigarettes as a present, and told me that he received a letter from Rozenbaum to his relatives and to one named Krivin. During the following next days he was regularly bringing food to the Gael. Then one day he told me that frem temorrow he was. going on 10 days' leave and asked me to tell Soulevitch that

after his leave he will continue to bring the food. During his absence Soulevitch asked me to find some one else and as warder Nowgorodoff was on duty in Foreign Section at that time & suggested to him to see Soulevitch on the matter. Newgorodoff immediately went upstairs and returned very soon with letters which were already written by Soulevitch. After this for about one week Nowgorodoff was on duty in Foreign Section and during this time brought food to the Gael on many occasions.

On Saturday (I cannot remember the date) rumours was spread amongst prisoners that Newgorodoff got into trouble and since that time he has not appeared in the Foreign Section. A few days after Liuskovsky returned from his leave and told me that he found out that another warders Koshman (No. 43) and Nevgorodoff were also taking out messages from Soulevitch. He expressed his dissatisfaction at this and showed me Mrs. Soulevitch's letter in which she asked her husband to deal only with "Joseph" (Liaskovsky) as two others were unrelliable. She also wrote to him that she wished he will be soparated from Rezenbaum. Liaskovsky could not hand this letter to Soulevitch in the presence of Rozenbaum, so he asked me to do that, and I handed over the letter to Soulevitch on the next day when they were taken down for a walk. On the next day Liaskovsky told me that Gaol office discovered his dealings with Souleviteh and demanded from him \$2000 to keep their mouths shut. He also told me that he already received \$1000 from Mrs. Soulevitch and asked for another \$1000 from Mr. Krivin but the latter refused to pay without a letter from Rosenbaum. Later on he went to see

Rozenbaum about it but did not succeed in getting from him this kind of letter. Then he told me that he will try to get this money from Soulevitch. After this, I have not seen him any more.

This is my true statement.

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Joseph R. Laskowski

Reserve Poland

Police Hdgrs.

10-2-43.

I, the undersigned, Joseph Richard Laskowski, Polish citizen, born at Vladivostok on the 14th of Way, 1918. Arrived at Shanghai with my mother and brother from Vladivostok in 1923.

My father, a musical master by profession, died in Shanghai in August, 1942. My mother Endejda Ivenovna (Pribovaskaya), age 57, residing at 151 Macgregor Road, my brother Vladislahw James Laskowski, age 27, unemployed at present residing with mother at the above address. In 1936 I ended my studies at the St. Francis Xaviers College after which I worked at the Joseph Studio and later at the China Printing and Finishing Co.

I joined the Shanghai Municipal Gaol on Septemberl, 1941, as an Assistant Warder No. 48.

I am sharing a room with B. Breva, Assistant Warder No. 6 at the Gaol's single man 's quarters, 147 Ward Road.

Whilst on duty at the Foreign Section about the beginning of January at about 2 p.m. I was approached by convict No. 55 whose name is Joseph Feinberg, this said convict asked me to do a great favour for him to go up to a prisoner by the name of Soulevich and help him in any way possible for which I will be greatly rewarded this, as times are so hard now this greatly appealled to me. I went up to see Soulevich about what I could help him in, he at once approached me about informing his wife about his presence in the gool and at the same time gave me a note to his wife telling her about his presence in the gacl more or less a family letter. Then Rosenbalm seeing this asked me to do the same thing for him and delivered a note to a Mr. Krivin this was about the 3rd or 4th of January on that same night I went to visit Soulevich 's wife and stayed at the house No.353

Rte Cohen for a very long time as his wife was not in at that time, she met me at the house upon arrival, read this letter and in the letter he (Soulevich) was asking for some products as he said that he was undernourished and at the same time he asked for \$300 to pay me which when she finished reading the letter telephoned and the money was brought to her by Buck Frank. We (Mrs. Soulevich and I) agreed to meet each other at Olympia Cafe opposite the tram stop off Wayside and Muirhead Roads/ this she did and brought provisions such as sausage, ham, cheese butter, cigarettee and metches together with cod liver oil, then we parted. All these products were handed over to Soulevich by me in the gaol.

when I brought these things over I was again in turn given a note by Rozenhalm and Soulevich this time I gave them a pencil. Soulevich was writing about how much some people owed him to collect the money if possible and to write to him about the results, whilst Rosenhalm was worried about his wife because she is expecting a baby. This I phomed Mrs. Boulevich and told her to meet me at Olympia again whilst the other note I brought to Krivin off Rte San Zoong. Krivin gave me a note which I did not understand being written in Russian but he told me verbially about it (the note) that the price of cocca is dropping and that he sold a lot at a less also saying that he is sick at home, also stating about his wife 's health and to advise him how much to pay her per month. Mrs. Soulevich and I met at the Olympia and brought her over to the house (151 Macgregor Road) after having some tea she gave me \$150 to buy a few things for

her buchand such as sausage, har, liberian cold lard, butter and cheese which I did buy and deliver, it the same time Mrs. Sullevich handed me \$3000 for Pevaner, \$300 for Soulevich or more and about \$150 to \$200 for Rozenhalm. Then this money was delivered to the above mentioned persons in the gaol \$800 were given to me as a reward and the rest they kept for themselves.

Tater on I came back and they. Soulevich and Rosenbalm gave me snother latter which I delivered both to Mrs. Soulevich and Krivin. This time I gave them a pencil again but about the paper I sw not definite. Soulevich to letter was sort of a business like saying again that she should collect from a certain Wr. Turnhin some money and that he should pay some percent on that.money which he owed and he also asked if a certain Minko was giving her money or not, whilst Rozenbalm asked about his house property and that Krivin should give his wife sufficient money to live during the time being these letters I gave to my brother as I had no time to deliver them myself and he came back and said that he did not receive any money from either of them but this time only said that Mrs. Soulevich will come over to see some of his China set (tes set) which she did not buy. I them sent my brother to get some money from Krivin and Soulevich but Krivin refused to pay only Mrs. Soulevich sent a \$1000 in cash with mix brother. After this there were no more notes from them or to them by me as I found out that some one else was working for them for when my brother went to see Krivin he was introduced to Rosenbalm 's wife and she stated that she knew everything about her husband his health and whereabouts, but Krivin and Rosenbalm's mother-in-law were also quarreiling about something or other.

me if I was working that is bringing things to contevich I answered in the negative but he found out from them that I was bringin; things to them and after I quit this whole affair after the last \$1000 from Mrs. Soulevich I did not want to go deeper into this affair again and quit from that very last time.

But one morning whilst eating in the mess room, Mr. Hovgorodoff (Ass. Varder 39) offered to sell a bottle of God liver oil and I bought it at \$40 and at the same time seeing a familiar bottle the same kind I brought to Soulevich so from that time I knew that Movgorodoff was also bringing things to the Foreign Section.

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In addition to my statement given on 10.2843, I beg to state that the first time when I delivered a letter from Resembaum to Krivin, I brought roply from Krivin to Rosonbaum and \$300.00 cash, which money Resembeam refused to accept, saying that you can take the \$300,00 for yourself as a gift.

I again confirm as in my previous statement that whilst giving some goods to Semlevich, which his wife sent him PRVZMER, Irakli(Kolstongahvilli), Vladimireif and another cell mate were mitting and talking about something or other, them Vladimiroff together with Povzner called me to their call door and when I began to speak, Vladimiroif told Pevaner that he should be the spekesmen and arrange with me what they were talking about, while I was delivering the things to Sculeviche Renner than handed me a note at stating that I should deliver this note to Ersusenlevich and she knows were to get the \$5000,00, which Personer is selling for, the letter was written in Busslan and to my misfertune I could not read it but was only told verbially that I was to bring \$3000.00, which Erse Soulevich will got and on the following day I brought them that is to say I do not know wheather it was for Pevaner alone er for all the other prisoners in the same cell - after giving them the mency I lingered for a while, then they Pevaner and Vladimiroff asked me how much I was to get as a reward, but I sould not tell them the sum being involved in this affairs for the first time they them gave me \$500g00 in hundred dellars notes and after a while gave me snother hundred dellars, 3000 \$ 600,000.

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11th of Feb. 1943.

D.S.I. Gigarson.

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This is my exact statement.

FORM 40 L G. 10M-11-41

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

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(signed) Albert Rosenbaum.

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Mrs. Ama ROSEMBAUM.

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SMP. H/Qre.

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I am Anna Rosenbaum (Ree-Schonberg), Estonian, born in 1924, in Moukden, dancer by profession, married and residing at 91/8 Rte Remi (Tel. 72446). I was educated in Tientsin at St. Joseph school In 1935, I arrived, with my perents, to Shanghai from Tientsin. In 1939 or 1940, I have equinted with Mr.Rosenbaum at Farren's mighticlub, where I was working as desser of floor show, I married Br. Rosenberg on 25.7.42, who at that time was a broker, working with G. Krivin at 51 Cambon Boad. My husband was errosted by Japanese Conference on 6.9.42. I had figurated difficulties and knowing that G.Krivin was a pertmer of my husband and had hept my husband's money. I applied to him for money and Krivin ampulied me on several occurions from \$50.00 to to \$500.00. Inter when-Erivin was also arrested by Japanese and soon after released, shout December 1942. Whilst my husband was detained at Bridge House, I have visited Japenese Cantermerie with a view to see my hughend, what was not aller ed and only seme foodstuff and clothing, which I brought for my humband were accepted and also twice I brought cheques, which was signed by my husband and returned to me and this was allowed.

On 2 or 3 of Jammery 1945, Erivin "phoned to me and informed me, that my humband in now at Hard Rd. Geol. Erivin did not tell me where he get the news, but I think that was from Frank so he was released. I applied to Police H/Grs for permission to see my humband and I was there for times, then shout 7th Jammery I visited Geol. office and asked to see my humband, and also a cheque for \$2000.00, was signed by my humband and that was given to se right many, become my house rest was not payed for 8 markles. About the 10 of Jammery I with my nother visited Japanese Authorities at Kiengwan with a

view to obtain permission to see my husband or get from him a letter so I left my letter there and was told come again within a week. On the same day returning home from Kiangson. I was informed by my sister that Erivin 'phoned to me 2 or 3 times and said that I must 'phone to him as soon as I come back home, so I 'phoned to him and he told me to come to his house at once, he received news from my husband. It was about Sp.m. I visit Krivin's house at Epire Manswions on Rte de Say-Rooms and found in the room . Triving his wife and another man, age about 28, medium build, that was the first time I ever see that man and the last. I dien't see him ever since, who not a word handed me a letter from my husband written in knotish. When I finish reading the letter and wanted to read it ever again but that man took that letter away from my hands and saked Krivia if he wanted to read it, Krivin said no, so he took the Latter andwel went away. The letter my humbant mrote was to let me take good care of myself and that he married me because he loved me and trust that I will be a faithful wife and told me that I am young, let me wait for him and when he come out he will show that world to me and he wil make me happy then and that he don't mind my mother living with me and said that if I need anything Erivin will always bely me.

Erivin told me to prepare a letter for my humbend and take my photo and bring it to him and he will send the photo and letter to myshumband. I days later I brought it ever to him and in that letter I wrote that I am alright and the thing's in the house are the same and that mother is taking care of me, and said that I will wait for him no matter how long it will take, became when he come out I want him to be the father of this child and be a humband.

to me, and since them I did not hear any thing from Krivin about my husband. I was again at Kiangwan and asked them if I can see my husband, but told me to come after few weeks so then I went to Japanese lawyer Dr. Y. Maki and he had fixed everything up and he phone so me and told me to come to his office and that he will go together with me to see my husband, it was on the 8-2-43 I visited Ward Road Gaol with my Japanese lawyer Dr. Maki and had official meeting with my husband, and my husband told me that Krivin should pay me every 15th days of the month\$1,000.00 and if not, he should give the full account to Dr. Maki, and the baby that will be torn...let him be just as it is not his religion and not mine.

This is my true statement.
(signed) Mrs. Anna Rosenbaum.

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Julian Lucian Koshkann

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Ward rd Gaol

II:2:45.

Additional statement to that made by me on 10:2:43, at 7 $p_{\ast}m_{\ast}$

I beg to state that I had ommitted to put down that, whom I delivered the letter to Mrs. Soulovich I received an reply and six bars of chokelate which I gave to prisoner Soulevich.

The letter contained some information regarding some money matters which were in his "safe" and sonds her love to him, nothing more was in the letter.

(signed) A/War. 43, J. Koshmann.

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I, the undersigned, Private Jacov Alexandrovich, citizen of USSR., 29 years of age, married. I was arrested by Japanese Gandarmerie on 25.10.42, and was transferred to Ward Rd. Gael on 31.12.42. 2 or 3 days after my arrival to Gaol, colls where I was detained was visited by one named Roman STARKOVSKY, who served as dresser for convicts in Osol, and whom I regarded as officially appointed Gael employee (he was taking dawn particulars of our medical examinotion in the office on the day of our arrival at Geel) and Starkovsky offered to all prisoners, if any one desired to write letters to their relatives, these letters can be delivered to whom they are addressed, through his service. 5 priseners, who were in eells with me refused, as they were waiting efficial permission for meeting with their relatives. My family in USSR, and I had no news from them for about 6 months and myself had no chance to inform them about myself. I have decided to write, being sure, that my letter will be ferwarded officially, through the Gael's Administration. Starkovsky gave me a pencil and paper and I wrote a letter to my wife, which letter I saked Starkevely to deliver to Experthleb" wherefrom this letter to be sent through the pest, to my wife. When 2 days latter Starkovsky again visited our cells, I asked him about my letter and he told me that he did not yet delivered my letter, because his mother did not came to see him. From this talk I found out, that Starkovsky himsolf is a prisoner and my letter he was going out to sent by not official way, and I selved him to return me my letter. On the other day when I repeated my request Startewary told me, that he already destroyed my letter. After this case I did not apply to smybody and mobody approached me regarding letterns During my detention here I did not receive any letters

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or money and I did not soo that other prisoners received letters or money. I, together with other prisoners officially received one parcel with products.

This is my true statement (signed) Povemer.